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Minutes 05/16/2012

Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2012, Jefferson Cutter House, 611 Massachusetts Avenue

Attendance

Committee members present: Angela Olszewski, Clarissa Rowe, Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Roland Chaput, Robert Bowes, Howard Winkler, Ted Peluso, Sharon Shaloo

Committee members absent: Jo Ann Robinson, Michael Ginns, Tom Davison

Guests: Laurence McKinney

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves and welcomed Ted Peluso to the committee

Acceptance of Minutes

On a motion by Clarissa Rowe, seconded by Kirsi Allison-Ampe, the committee voted to accept the minutes for April 18, 2012 and November 16, 2011 as amended.

Treasurers Report

Roly Chaput reported that the committee currently has \$1,225 in its account. Reimbursements should be sent to him promptly as the fiscal year is drawing to an end.

Proposed Bikeway Crossing Changes in Arlington Center

Bob Bowes provided an update on the proposed bikeway crossing changes. He recently attended a meeting with town officials and Cambridge Savings Bank. The town engineer presented the plan and indicated that while the plan is moving quickly, the town is receptive to input and will consider options. Currently under consideration:

- Remove the cement island and replace it with a painted island; this could maintain the current parking spaces and would have a bike lane
- Parking in front of Cambridge Savings Bank would be allowed from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. These spaces would be a bike lane at other times. Bob expressed some concern about whether signage would be sufficient to notify drivers of the variable restrictions.
- A crossing may be added at Swan Place. Committee members expressed concern about adding another light in addition to those at Medford Street and Route 60. Bob noted that the lights would be timed.
- Two bike lanes may be added, using land from the Uncle Sam Plaza.

Bob will keep the committee updated on the plans. The committee plans to provide input at the appropriate time.

Old Business

Committee members were asked to help write thank you notes to those who donated to its Menotomy Welcoming event on Patriots Day.

New Business

Laurence McKinney inquired about how committee appointments are made. The committee responded that Board of Selectmen makes the appointments and that those interested should submit resumes to the board. Mr.

McKinney requested to speak in regard to the signage and the Uncle Sam Committee. Ms. Olszewski explained that there would not be time at the current meeting and that Mr. McKinney would be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

ATED has been invited to co-sponsor Arlington Alive!, a forum about art and culture in Arlington, which is being organized by the Arlington Cultural Commission. The event will be held on June 7. On a motion by Kirsii Allison-Ampe, seconded by Clarissa Rowe, the committee voted to co-sponsor the event. Roly Chaput and Ted Peluso plan to attend.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Roly Chaput and seconded by Clarissa Rowe, the committee voted to adjourn at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Olszewski
Chair